



Fact Sheet

Waste Tire Management *for Retailers*

The 1998 General Assembly passed legislation to establish a waste tire management program to protect human health and the environment. Waste tires are defined as tires not used for their originally intended purpose because of wear or damage, used tires stored for resale and processed waste tire material. Retailers will collect \$1 from customers for each new motor vehicle tire sold. This money will be used to eliminate unmanaged tire piles and develop markets for waste tires and waste tire materials.

Posting notice

Retailers will collect \$1 for every new motor vehicle tire sold. Retailers must accept, if offered, a waste tire for each new tire sold to a customer. **Retailers must post notice of this in their shops.**

Reporting

On or before the 20th of each month, retailers must report to the state Revenue Cabinet the number of new motor vehicle tires sold and the number of waste tires received from customers during the preceding month.

Retailers will pay the state 95 percent of their fees and may keep 5 percent as a handling fee. The state will deposit its portion in the Waste Tire Trust Fund to be used by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to properly manage waste tires.

Record-keeping

A record-keeping system will be established for every tire from the time it becomes waste to the time it is disposed, recycled or used as tire-derived fuel. Retailers must obtain a receipt for the waste tires transferred to a transporter, processor or end user. The receipt must contain the following information:

- the name, address, company and signature of the person accepting the tires
- the number of waste tires or the passenger tire equivalents accepted
- the date the waste tires were transferred
- the name and address of the retailer transferring the waste tires

Retailers must keep their receipts for three years.

Registering

Retailers who accumulate or haul more than 1,000 waste tires at a time must register with the cabinet. Retailers accumulating up to 1,000 must comply with the requirements for the storage of waste tires.

If you have comments, suggestions or questions pertaining to waste tires, or if you'd like information on permitting or customers' rights and responsibilities, please contact us.

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NOTICE

State law requires a new tire buyer to pay \$1 for each new tire purchased.

The money is collected and will be used by the state to oversee the management of waste tires including cleaning up abandoned waste tire piles and preventing illegal dumping of waste tires.

Retailers are required to accept a waste tire of similar size, if offered, for each new motor vehicle tire sold.

If you keep your waste tire, it is your responsibility to appropriately manage the tire or dispose of it properly by taking the tire to one of the following sites:

- 1) a permitted landfill;
- 2) an incinerator or other facility for use as a fuel; or
- 3) a transporter, processor or properly registered waste tire end use market.